Need for redefining Dowry

1476. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, holding that the demand for money by a husband from his in-laws in meeting domestic expenses, will not come under the ambit of dowry;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto, as such judgement may be taken advantage of by greedy in-laws with the tacit connivance of lawyers, to get out of connotation of Demand for dowry; and

(c) whether Government have any intention of filing a revision petition in the Supreme Court to reverse this judgement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Commission for Women is reviewing the provisions of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 to make the Act more effective and will also be examining the judgement while making recommendations in this regard. In view of this, there does not appear to be any need to file a revision petition in the Supreme Court.

Reports regarding ICDS

1477. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of reports, studies and survey including the National Family Health Surveys (NFHS-3) and the Focus on Children Under Six (FOCUS) have indicated child development services of the Integrated Child Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to make the programme effective enough?